

## The South Florida Sun

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## AVON PARK LOCALS.

Tuesday night the temperature fell rapidly after sunset, giving us the coldest night of the season thus far. The minimum thermometer registered 46 degrees. The night was very clear and still, and early this Wednesday morning the lakes are steaming.

Mr. W. E. Pabor went away Tuesday for a short trip and will visit the State fair at Tampa.

The freight teams are loaded both ways these days, fruit going out and goods coming in.

Messrs. Jack Culver and Guy Tyler got back Tuesday from a week's camp hunt in this and adjoining counties.

H. E. Coy and W. H. Daugherty occasionally take a day off at their favorite amusement, fishing, but very quietly, however. Later on we shall hear more about it.

Mr. Joseph H. Brown, county supt. of schools, spent last Monday with the Avon Park school. The trustees were too busy to meet him there.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Athey of Marietta, Ohio, arrived on Thursday of last week and are occupying their own cottage. Mr. J. R. Darling, of Glasgow, Ky., a brother of Mrs. Athey, came with them and expects to remain with them here during the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin and their grand children, Ethel and Eddie Bryson, moved to Wauchula on Wednesday. We regret to lose them from our community.

The Misses Marion and Fannie Sargent gave a party at the Sargent residence Monday evening, which was a very pleasant and enjoyable occasion. It was given for Miss Ethel Bryson, or as a farewell reception to that young lady, so soon to go away from us, and it gave all her young friends an opportunity to express their friendly regard and their regret at her going away.

Dr. McCartney has been at work enlarging the hotel kitchen by an eight foot addition on the west. He is also finishing up the cottage on the grounds begun last spring. It is located near the New York Cottage and if already rented and will be occupied as soon as finished. It will be known by the name of "Content Cottage."

A carload of furniture and household goods was hauled in from the railroad by Avon Park teams on Tuesday and Thursday. It will go into the Content and New York cottages.

George Bantel was sick when he left Rochester N. Y. and all the way to Florida and the Park and is still very sick. He was very well indeed here last winter and it is believed he will soon find health and comfort in this genial climate.

Sidney Johnson and family left the Park Monday and went back to their home seven miles out. It is to be regretted that they had to leave in the midst of the school term. The children are bright and interesting and we were glad to have them here and sorry to see them go.

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## Champ Clark's Letter

Senator Aldrich's Maximum and Minimum Tariff Scheme—Republican Rivalry in Ohio—Major Warner's Good Work—The Isthmian Canal

[Special Washington Letter.]

WHEN the maximum and minimum tariff scheme was proposed in the late Chicago reciprocity convention, in which Governor Albert B. Cummins and Uncle Shelby M. Cullom played star parts, it was hailed as a panacea. En passant it may be remarked sotto voce that Uncle Shelby has already fallen from grace. Tariff revisionists hailed it with delight as the easiest and most expeditious method of reducing tariff rates. The large number of Republicans who endorsed it raised a suspicion as to the value of the plan as a tariff reducer. Governor Cummins and the rest who really believed in it as a cure will all have to pinch themselves to discover if they are awake or have been only dreaming when they learn that Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island, the arch stand puffer, favors the maximum and minimum scheme. But he goes further than the convention went. He boldly announces his minimum, and it is the Dingley bill. His maximum is out of sight, high above the Dingley bill, in the boundless realms of space. Now, if Aldrich can work his scheme of maximum and minimum the last condition of the revisionists will be worse than the first. Republican revisionists will wake up after awhile to the realization of the fact that they have no place in the Republican party.

## Correct.

Mr. Secretary Taft rather increased than diminished his chances of securing the Republican presidential nomination by declaring that he doesn't intend to resign from the cabinet or to inaugurate a campaign in his own behalf. His is the correct and dignified attitude in the matter. All sensible men for nearly a century have thoroughly endorsed the utterance of that great South Carolinian, William J. Lowndes, to the effect that the presidency is neither to be sought nor declined. No man in his senses believes that Governor Taft would decline a presidential nomination at the hands of his party. He is a man of splendid parts, in the flower of his years, and, like all his fellow citizens, no doubt regards the presidency of this pulsant republic as the highest political honor that can be conferred upon any of the teeming sons of Adam, so if any of the eager chasers after the nomination are laying the flattering unction to their ambitious souls that the secretary has put himself out of the running they are very much mistaken.

It is an open secret that there are three if not more presidential possibilities—indeed, probabilities—in President Roosevelt's cabinet. Taft, Root and Shaw. Taft's habitat is better than those of the other two. Ohio is most centrally located. Then she has the presidential habit. Just why nobody seems to know, but she has it all the same. In fact, the Buckeyes have the officeholding habit in general more largely developed than have the people of any other state. More than once she has lost the presidential nomination by having a surplusage of aspirants.

In 1876 Allen G. Thurman had a rattling good chance to win the prize, but his political Ohio enemies in his own party set up his uncle, "Rise Up William Allen," popularly yept "Old Bill," as a rival, and "the grand old Roman's" cake was all dough. Perhaps George H. Pendleton might have been nominated for president some time had not Henry B. Payne and William S. Groesbeck become ambitious to reside in the White House. Ohio rivalry and Ohio treachery kept John Sherman from being president, though for one I am most heartily glad of it.

## Democrat, Republican or Pop?

The public mind seems to be greatly befogged in an effort to ascertain or fix the political status of President Roosevelt. Of course the Republicans claim him. With the aid of a million Democrats who stayed at home by reason of the Parker telegram they elected him. Sporadic Democrats claim him as a Democrat. In fact, one, Senator Braxton of Virginia, has gone so far in his enthusiasm as to declare that it will be a race in 1908 betwixt the Republicans and Democrats as to which will nominate him first for a third term. Now comes a Kansas Pop and asserts that the president is a jam up, double back acting, dyed in the wool Populist. His letter to the Washington Post is so delicious that I here quote it in full:

Editor Post—We Populists resent the claim put forward by Democrats in the south that our great President Roosevelt is a convert to Democracy. The president is less of a Democrat today than ever. He is a full fledged Populist, and every disciple of that righteous creed will acclaim him as such. The president is today advocating the same righteous doctrines and principles that those immortal Populists, Peffer, Weaver, Mrs. Lease, Redstone and other great Populists, advocated and fought for in the early days of Populism. The president, like the peerless and immortal Bryan, has succeeded in steering his party away from the moorings of old and has piloted it straight into the Populistic harbor. He is now our greatest statesman, and history will accord him a very high place in its annals for having brought about these ideals so long fought for by immortal leaders of the Populist party.

The Populist party long ago realized that the only salvation for the country lay in a strong centralized government, and if the country is to be saved from the

greed of wealth the government must take charge of the railroads, insurance companies and other quasi public corporations. It is more than gratifying to Populists that our great president has come to the same righteous conclusion and is striving with all his might and main to transfer the rights of states to the federal government in order that he may take railroads and trusts by the throat and dangle them over the legal gridiron until they promise to be decent.

The president, like all good Populists, realizes that the states are impotent, and the only way to strangle greed is to place practically all power in the federal government so the president can do his will with corporations.

No, no, my Democratic friends, the president is no convert to your faith; he is a convert to Populism, and all Populists are proud to claim him as their comrade. We will not permit the Democrats to adopt him as they did our platform in 1896, 1900 and ever since.

REUBEN JONES OF KANSAS.

## Good For Warner!

It is always a pleasant thing for me to applaud good deeds by a Republican official. They are none too frequent. There is a Republican official of high degree at Washington who was a good representative in congress and who is a first rate commissioner of pensions. He is Major Vespasian Warner of Illinois. There is no fuss and feathers about him. He obeys the Scriptural injunction, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." From the very beginning he has been a success in the office which he holds, and it is one of the most difficult within the gift of the president. The last thing he has accomplished of note is the dismissal of certain pension clerks who were running a shark loan business in the department itself during working hours, lending money to their improvident and impecunious fellow clerks at outrageous rates of interest. All decent people, without regard to political affiliation, will say, "Well done, Mr. Commissioner Warner!" Major Warner was a soldier, and he is an honest man. Like all other honest men, he has a natural antipathy to those who practice extortion on the helpless or grind the faces of the poor. In this matter it is a pity that his jurisdiction does not extend to all the denizens of Washington. There's too much loan shark business done in that delectable city.

## Taft and Cox.

In the light of recent events Secretary Taft's opinion of George S. Cox, William Republican boss of Cincinnati, lacks the flavor it possessed before election, but in any case it is interesting reading. In his Akron speech the secretary said later all:

"The Hamilton county—I. e., Cincinnati—machine is the result of from fifteen to twenty years' labor by George B. Cox, a man of great executive talent and political sagacity. Beginning with the politics of the ward, he has created a political organization in the city of Cincinnati and the county of Hamilton, founded on the cohesive power of the public patronage, which operates as smoothly to control the nominations and elections in the city and county as a nicely adjusted Corlies engine."

The whole government of both county and city is absolutely under his control, and every Republican political convention nominates the men whom he dictates. The organization is carried far beyond the mere preparation for conventions and embraces the strictest discipline among the cohorts in bringing out a full vote on each election day.

The government under the machine is constantly described as a very corrupt one. Such a government generally begets corruption. But if it exists in Cincinnati it seems difficult to secure legal or practical proof of it sufficient to convince the voter.

But the power secured by the boss and his assistants under the machine is undoubtedly inured to their pecuniary benefit, and it is seen in the large fortunes which they now have. How their money has made has not been disclosed. The large public utility corporations seem to regard the boss as a conserving influence and are content to have the control of the machine continue as it is, because they regard themselves as thus insured against disturbance in their franchise.

The condition is one of absolute helplessness on the part of any independent Republican seeking to take part in politics and to act independently of the machine, and the distressing effect is now seen upon all the young men ambitious politically, as it either drives them out of politics and deprives the public of their probably valuable services or if they go into politics they must subordinate themselves to the tyranny of the boss.

It is a condition of affairs—a local despotism—much to be deplored, and if I had thought that Governor Herrick had entered into the corrupt bargain with Cox, as charged, I should not be here.

In reading those words one naturally recalls the words of the psalmist, "Behold how good and beautiful it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

## The Canal.

People generally want an Isthmian canal and are willing to pay any fair or reasonable price for the same. A year and a half ago they thought they would have it in five or six years. Now they are becoming skeptical about ever getting it. Hope deferred maketh the heart sick. First and last, some \$300,000,000 one way and another has been spent in surveying, jangling, estimating, quarreling, crossdressing and chaffering with the French. Still no canal and precious few signs of one. Even the kind of canal to be attempted hasn't been determined on. Nobody knows whether it is to be a lock canal or sea level. Mr. Youmans, ex-ambassador commissioner, says it will take a century to build it at the present rate. Some other savant has raised the question, placing the time

at 500 years. Still another savant vouchsafes the information that ships will be sailing through the canal in about four years. It's a dreadful mess. When we voted for the canal the estimates of cost were \$150,000,000. Now \$1,000,000,000 is mentioned as the price. In the meantime Hon. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has proclaimed that Chinese coolies shall not do the digging; hence Barbados negroes will be the main reliance, and they appear to be a sorry lot.

It is given out that Secretary Taft and Mr. Chairman Shonts are at loggerheads. At any rate, the secretary has gone to the Isthmus to see what he can see. One thing is cocksure—he may not know much about building canals, but if he keeps on traveling he will be an expert in geography.

## A Proposed Economy.

Mr. Secretary of War William H. Taft has prepared his estimate for needed appropriations for the army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907, and asks for \$9,717,922.52 less than the appropriations already made for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906. The secretary is to be most heartily congratulated on this effort at economy. The secretary proposes, and the congress disposes. If Republican senators and representatives who have sons and other near and dear kin on the payrolls do not get together and raise the estimates, then one long step will be taken in cutting down appropriations generally to something like what they ought to be; but in this case seeing is believing, for everybody knows that it is not the habit of Republicans to economize. Still the deficit is so alarming that they begin to realize that something must be done to cure it. If all the deadheads could be divorced from the payroll, a reduction in appropriations equal to the deficit might be easily accomplished; but the sons of their fathers and the sons-in-law of their fathers will never let loose until they are choked loose. So long as Secretary Taft confines himself to general suggestions as to economy all will be well, but the moment he becomes specific and suggests that some favorite or relative of a powerful Republican senator or representative shall cease to feed at the public crib the devil will be to pay. As the French say, Nous verrons.

## So Early.

It is three years till another president is to be elected. Nevertheless one hears newly as much about presidential candidates as is usually heard one year before an election. Ever since last November Republican candidates have been galloping over the land electorship as though they were running for constable. Now Democrats are beginning to sit up and take notice. Of course everybody knows that Colonel Bryan is a commanding figure, and it is taken for granted that he will be a candidate if he sees any chance of election. Second to Bryan, and Bryan only, in popularity is Governor Peck of Missouri. Recently an editor out in Kansas, desiring to feel the public pulse, sent out 1,000 coupons and asked his readers to name their choice. Folk got nearly as many votes as Bryan. Then there are Mayor McClellan and Editor William R. Hearst, who are frequently and favorably spoken of, and who unquestionably have each a strong following. At the dedication of the J. Sterling Morton monument Grover Cleveland and Paul Morton, who lately retired from Roosevelt's cabinet, urged ex-Governor David R. Francis to accept the Democratic nomination.

Just about the time the railroads reconsidered their idiotic scheme not to employ anybody over thirty-five years of age an officer in the United States army arose and declared that nobody over fifty is fit to command a ship. He ought to be tapped for the similes. That rule would have put both Dewey and Schley out of command. It would have placed Lord Nelson on the retired list before the battles of Copenhagen and Trafalgar. If that rule had been applied to the army Cromwell would never have been permitted to be a soldier at all, and Andrew Jackson would have been running his farm in Tennessee instead of whaling the British at New Orleans. If it should be applied to the navy, why not also to the army? Oiler and his disciples are a rum lot of fools.

The Kaiser's premier is evidently possessed of a keen sense of humor as well as of great ability. He proposes that ten German statesmen debate the tariff question with ten American stand pater statesmen. That would be a great show, with the odds in favor of the German statesmen, because they want to make a fair exchange of products with us, whereas our stand patters want to sell everything and to buy nothing—precisely what President McKinley in his Buffalo speech said we could not do.

The general consensus of opinion seems to be that the president's latest order touching civil service removals has knocked the bottom clear out of that system. It will simply enable Republican chiefs to weed out the Democrats without a hearing. If any system ever needed an overhauling which would put some common sense into it, surely it is the civil service system.

Everybody is glad that President Roosevelt is safe and sound back in the White House, and everybody hopes he will not take any more such long chances of being drowned.

Champ Clark

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## Salting Babies.

In some parts of Europe and Asia there is a peculiar custom of salting new born babies, according to the Dundee Advertiser. When a baby is born among the Armenians of Russia the nurse takes the infant and covers the entire skin with very fine salt. This salt is left on the baby for three hours or more, and then the child is washed with warm water. In Asia Minor there is a tribe of people living in the mountains who do even worse than this. They salt their new born babies and leave the salt on them for twenty-four hours. The modern Greeks sprinkle salt on their babies. This practice of salting babies is an ancient custom. It has its rise in superstition, of course. The mothers think that salting insures their children's health and strength and that it will keep evil spirits away from them. Even in some parts of Germany salt is still used on the child at birth.

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## One Day's Arrivals.

Friday of last week was quite a day of arrivals here, no less than twenty-one coming in from the railroad that day to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Dilley and their three children come from Benton Harbor, Mich. They are keeping house in the former home of Mrs. A. H. Woodruff.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Butler, Mrs. E. D. White and Mrs. Frank Page came together. The Butlers are in their home, "Sunnyside," and Mrs. White and Mrs. Page have "Sunnyside cottage."

Dr. J. H. McCartney's party numbered twelve: The doctor and his wife, Mrs. Mary A. McCartney, Mrs. M. A. Pierpont, Mr. E. W. Driesbach, Mrs. R. H. Barclay, Mrs. B. W. Spencer, Miss Alice Beach, Miss Anna Scharr, Mrs. Anna Yancey. These are all at the hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bantel and Miss Josephine Bantel are at the Green cottage opposite the Episcopal church, where they lived last winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. King are at home in their Avonairs apartments.

Mr. J. L. Hendricks, of Orlando, came in Monday evening to look after his property here and to gather some fruit.

Mrs. C. W. Pabor is in Orlando visiting her brother, Will Kinney and his family. Her father, D. Kinney, is also there with his son. We were told some months ago that he had gone north to visit his son in New York State, but it seems that was one of those facts that have no truth in them.

Mrs. D. L. Sessions went to Tampa Tuesday to spend a few days at the State fair.

The following notice is posted just outside the door of the Avon Park post office and in order to call attention to it, we print it with the local items:

EXTRACT FROM FLORIDA STATUTES, ARTICLE 6, SECTION 2683.

"Whoever discharges on any public highway, or in any unincorporated village, within three hundred yards of any premises, any firearms without the permission from the occupant of said premises, or in the defense of life, limb or property, shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding 60 days or by fine not exceeding \$50."

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